**Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs**
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- Thank you Prime Minister and Minister Lametti.

- This is a sobering moment for our country; we all appreciate how serious the situation is.

- We have been working with you and local authorities to respond to this crisis. Ministers Mendicino, Blair, and Alghabra, and their officials have been working in close collaboration with their counterparts, and will continue to so. I am also here to support these efforts.

- As the Prime Minister said, we need to ensure we are using all of the tools available to resolve these challenges. The Emergencies Act is one such tool. Targeted measures under the Act would provide further support to police within your jurisdictions. We are not stepping in to displace provincial or municipal authorities but want to supplement, wherever we can, your efforts.

- Our Government recognizes the importance of coordinating with provinces and municipalities to ensure the safety and security of Canadians.

- I am available at any time to continue these discussions. Ongoing collaboration will be key.